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This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2001.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

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On page 15, line 17, after "epoxy" delete "xresol" and insert therefor --cresol--.

On page 15, line 21, please delete "form" and insert therefor --from--.

Formula 2 represents a class of phenol novolac and cresol novolac glycidyl ethers suitable for the present invention. In Formula 2, n ranges from 0 to 8. For epoxy phenolic novolacs, R = H in Formula 2. For epoxy cresol novolacs, R =  $\text{CH}_3$  in Formula 2. Formula 2 also represents bisphenol F epoxy resins with R = H and n ranges from 0 to 0.15. These materials are also widely available from commercial manufacturers. For example, they are available from Shell Chemical Company under the trademarks EPON 862, EPON 155, and SU-8. They are also available from DOW Chemical Company under the trademarks D.E.R. 354, D.E.N. 431, D.E.N. 438, and D.E.R. 439. In addition, they are available from

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